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1. ACCORDING APRIL 5 LOCAL PRESS, BUSINESSMAN AND CA MEMBER NGUYEN DINH QUAT INTENDS TO BE CANDIDATE IN FORTHCOMING PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS. HE HAS NOT YET IDENTIFIED HIS RUNNING MATE.

2. QUAT WAS BORN IN HA TINH, NORTH VIET NAM IN 1917. IN 1961 HE POLLED 89,000 VOTES IN PRESIDENTIAL RACE AGAINST DIEM.

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3. QUAT'S CANDIDACY IS NOT TAKEN SERIOUSLY IN LOCAL POLITICAL CIRCLES.

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